

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) Mitsuyuki HATANAKA et al.

Serial no. 09/975,827

For INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PROGRAM STORING MEDIUM

Filed October 11, 2001

Examiner Monplaisir G. Hamilton

Art Unit 2135

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	4	Minus	= 20	0 ×	\$18(9)	= \$00.00
Independent claims	3	Minus	= 3	0 ×	\$86(43)	= \$ 00.00
			Total additional fee for this amendment			\$ 00.00

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— This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$280 (\$140) has been previously paid \_\_, or is paid herewith \_\_.

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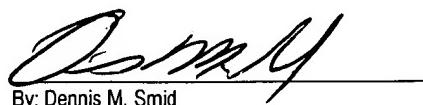
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